

If WSDOT concurs with the bulleted statements above, Ecology supports initiation of Phase III work to specifically identify stream segments that meet these flow exemption criteria.

In regard to Tasks 8 through 10, Ecology accepts the work performed by the contractors. We have not yet taken a position on the results and recommendations of these task reports. The usefulness of the potential criteria studied in these tasks won't be determined until after the results of the Phase III work on the land cover change criterion. Therefore, we suggest waiting for the results of that work before making decisions concerning whether and how to proceed with these other criteria.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ed O'Brien of my staff at 407-6438, or me at 407-6460.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Melodie A. Selby". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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